

## ANOTHER TRUCK IS IN AGAIN —THIS TIME IT'S THE FAIR

Light on the murderous, speeding department store and newspaper auto trucks came yesterday in a suit filed against the Fair because one of its heavy trucks snuffed the life from 4-year-old Gladys Riedel on July 27. Department stores and newspapers have led the fight against a trial of fenders on auto trucks, the same as street cars must carry.

How a 5-ton truck of the Fair, howling east on 23d street at a rate of speed between 25 and 30 miles an hour, crashed into a street car, tore the front of the car off and carried a little girl to a horrible death will be told when the suit comes up for trial.

Two drunken drivers of the auto truck will figure in the case; both were held responsible for the killing by the coroner's jury. And long working hours at the Fair, which made Anton Rueger, the driver, sit behind the wheel of the auto truck at 10 o'clock at night on the way to the barn, will also be shown up.

On the night of the accident Charles Riedel of 4241 W. 20th st. was on the way home with his daughter Gladys. The night was warm and Gladys begged her papa until he let her stand on the platform with him; she was close up to the front window, next to the motorman. She watched him working his levers—chattered, pointed and laughed as she saw hundreds of things of interest while the car sped west toward home.

As it approached Halsted street the car slowed down. But banging along the street straight across its path came the big Fair truck. Before anyone on the platform of the car sensed danger the truck crashed into the front, tore itself away and bounced to the sidewalk, over it and into a fence.

Riedel picked himself up and reached out in the dark for his little girl. She wasn't near him so he called out to the motorman: "Where's

my baby?" The girl wasn't on the platform.

Riedel cried out in anguish and jumped from the car. A dozen feet away lay the torn body of his child. They carried her to the drug store on the corner, but a doctor told them she was dead.

Meanwhile a crowd ran to the scene. Men questioned Rueger, the driver, and he told them to "get to hell out of here." Neither Rueger nor his companion on the truck seemed to realize their machine had killed a child. Both appeared to be drunk.

They were taken to the nearest police station and locked up. They gave their names as Anton Rueger, 5330 S. Paulina st., and Geo. Bege, 3242 N. Karlov av.

Dr. John McGuire of 2028 Halsted st. was called into the cell to look at the prisoners. Either they were completely exhausted by their long working hours or they were stupid drunk, or both.

At the inquest, he said:

"One of them couldn't talk well and he was kind of stupid in manner. I asked him if his hand hurt in order to feel his pulse; he could hardly lift his hand. He was stupid and wanted to lie down; he didn't care to get up. The other one wasn't so bad off."

Henry Behnke, 4025 W. Diversey av., a chauffeur, who saw the crash, said the auto was going about 25 miles an hour.

Charles Kalman, shoemaker at 1243 S. Halsted, testified.

"Was the auto going fast or slow?" he was asked.

"Well, it went pretty fast."

"It went pretty fast?"

"Yes. Pretty fast. Like the Chicago American autos; they run with papers you know. It was the same thing."

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